

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) In a server system, a method of providing a networked information monitor ~~Internet content of a type which is encoded and formatted for display by a web browser program~~ to a user of a computing device, the method comprising:

storing in electronic storage associated with a first server device, a collection of networked information monitor templates, the collection of networked information monitor templates comprising a first networked information monitor template configured to define a first networked information monitor,

wherein the first networked information monitor template comprises:

(1) control characteristics defining one or more controls of the first networked information monitor that enable a user to manually navigate a network via the first networked information monitor;

(2) a content reference that comprises a uniform resource locator at which content for the first networked information monitor is accessible; and

(3) instructions configured (i) to cause the first networked information monitor to request content from the uniform resource locator in the content reference, and (ii) to cause the first networked information monitor to render a graphical user interface having a frame within which content received from the uniform resource locator is displayed, wherein the one or more controls defined by the control characteristics are the only controls provided on the frame of the graphical user interface for manual navigation of a network via the first networked information monitor;

receiving a request from a client computing device at the first server device for the first networked information monitor template;

in response to the request, transmitting the first networked information monitor from the first server device to the client computing device retrieving information comprising:

instructions usable by the computing device to present a frame, with associated controls, specifically designed to display therein said Internet content independent of web browser functionality;

instructions usable by the computing device to present said Internet content independent of web browser functionality; and

an address from which said Internet content can be retrieved; and transmitting the information to the computing device.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the one or more controls of the first networked information monitor defined by the control characteristics of the first networked information monitor template include a control associated with a selectable link to internet content hosted remotely from the client computing device such that rendering of the graphical user interface by the client computing device results in a display of the link at least a portion of the information further comprises instructions for invoking a first process, resident on said computing device when invoked, the results of which causing a display of said Internet content which is encoded and formatted for display by a web browser program within the frame such that said display is independent of a web browser functionality.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the first networked information monitor template further comprises frame control characteristics defining one or more controls over the appearance of the frame of the graphical user interface that enable manipulation of the appearance of the frame at the client computing platform at least a portion of the information defines a functionality and an appearance of the frame within which said certain web content is caused to be displayed.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 53 54, wherein the controls defined by the frame control characteristics are the only controls over the appearance of the frame at the client computing platform frame is one of a family of such frames, the family having certain common features and certain unique features, and the information regarding the frame is further limited to those features unique to the frame.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 51 54, wherein the first networked information monitor template further comprises information identifying other networked information monitor templates included in the collection of networked information monitor templates that are related to the first networked information monitor template information further comprises instructions for creating an instance of the common features within and associated with the frame.

56-63. (Cancelled)

64. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising compiling a searchable index of the collection of networked information monitor templates, and providing access to the searchable index of the collection of networked information monitor templates to the client computing platform over the network.

65. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein each of the networked information monitor templates is associated with a unique identifier.

66. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the frame surrounds a viewer in which content received from the one or more uniform resource locators is displayed.

67. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the first networked information monitor is defined in a Markup language.

68. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the first networked information monitor template does not include compiled code.

69. (New) A system configured to enable provision of a networked information monitor to a user of a computing device, the system comprising:

one or more servers, the one or more servers comprising:

electronic storage configured to store a collection of networked information monitor templates, the collection of networked information monitor templates comprising a first networked information monitor template configured to define a first networked information monitor,

wherein the first networked information monitor template comprises:

(1) control characteristics defining one or more controls of the first networked information monitor that enable a user to manually navigate a network via the first networked information monitor;

(2) a content reference that comprises a uniform resource locator at which content for the first networked information monitor is accessible; and

(3) instructions configured (i) to cause the first networked information monitor to request content from the one or more uniform resource locators in the content reference, and (ii) to cause the first networked information monitor to render a graphical user interface having a frame within which content received from the one or more uniform resource locators is displayed, wherein the one or more controls defined by the control characteristics are the only controls provided on the frame of the graphical user interface for manual navigation of a network via the first networked information monitor; and

one or more processors configured to receive a request from a client computing device for the first networked information monitor template, and to transmit the first networked information monitor to the client computing device in response to the received request.

70. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the one or more controls of the first networked information monitor defined by the control characteristics of the first networked information monitor template include a control associated with a selectable link to internet content hosted remotely from the client computing device such that

rendering of the graphical user interface by the client computing device results in a display of the link.

71. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the first networked information monitor template further comprises frame control characteristics defining one or more controls over the appearance of the frame of the graphical user interface that enable manipulation of the appearance of the frame at the client computing platform.

72. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein the controls defined by the frame control characteristics are the only controls over the appearance of the frame at the client computing platform.

73. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the first networked information monitor template further comprises information identifying other networked information monitor templates included in the collection of networked information monitor templates that are related to the first networked information monitor template.

74. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the one or more processors are further configured to compile a searchable index of the collection of networked information monitor templates, and to provide access to the searchable index of the collection of networked information monitor templates to the client computing platform over the network.

75. (New) The system of claim 74, wherein each of the networked information monitor templates is associated with a unique identifier.

76. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the frame surrounds a viewer in which content received from the one or more uniform resource locators is displayed.

77. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the first networked information monitor is defined in a Markup language.

78. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the first networked information monitor template does not include compiled code.